

THE GAZETTE.

MONDAY MORNING, MARCH 1, 1878.

THE BIRTH AND BIRTHPLACE OF WASHINGTON.

George Washington was born on the 22d February, 1732, just 126 years ago. His birth place was situated at Bridge Creek, in Westmoreland county, Virginia, in the North-eastern corner of the State, about a half mile from the junction of Pope's creek with the Potomac. The house, which has since passed away, and left not a wreck behind, having been destroyed previous to the Revolution. A stone was placed on the site in or shortly before the year 1845, by the late George Washington Parke Custis, the grandson of Mrs. Washington. It bore the simple inscription:

"Here, on the 11th Feb. (O. S.) 1732, GEORGE WASHINGTON was born."

"The spot," says a writer, "is of deep interest, not only from its associations, but also from its natural beauties. It commands a view of the Maryland shore; of the Potomac, one of the most majestic rivers, and of its course for many miles towards Chesapeake Bay. The house was a low pitched, single-story frame building, with four rooms on the first floor, and an enormous chimney at each end on the outside. This was the style of the better sort of houses in those days, and they are still occasionally seen in the old settlements of Virginia."

In How's "Historical Collections of Virginia," (page 509) there is an engraved fac-simile of the record of Washington's birth, taken from the family record in the Bible, which belonged to his mother, by whom the original entry is supposed to have been made. This old family Bible and precious relic is now in the possession of George Washington Bassett, esq., of Farmington, Hanover county, Va., who married a grand daughter of Washington. It is in quarto form, much dilapidated by age, with title page missing, and covered by the striped Virginia cloth anciently much used.

The following is the record: "George Washington, son to Augustine Washington and Mary, his wife, was born the 11th day of February, 1732, about 10 in the morning, and was baptized the 30th of April following. Mr. Beverly Whitney and Captain Christopher Brooks, godfathers, and Mrs. Mildred Gregory, godmother."

Westmoreland county has been styled "the Athens of Virginia," as many of her most renowned sons were born within its borders. In the glorious catalogue are found the names of Washington, Richard Henry Lee and his three brothers, Thomas, Francis and Arthur, Gen. Henry Lee, Monroe and Judge Bushrod Washington.—*Charleston Courier.*

DEPARTURE OF THE PRINCESS ROYAL FOR BERLIN.

The Princess Royal of England and wife of Prince Frederick William of Prussia, bade farewell to her native shores on Tuesday, the 24th of February. The weather was severely cold, and Dame Nature appeared to have put on her wedding dress for the occasion; yet the vicinity of Buckingham Palace, and the entire route thence to the place of embarkation were thronged with persons assembled to testify the interest they felt. The parting with the Queen, at the Palace staircase, was naturally affecting, and, as the cortege drove away, the Princess was observed to turn much moved. The party started about noon. It consisted of the Royal couple, Prince Albert, the Prince of Wales, Prince Alfred, and the suite of the bride and bridegroom. The reception of the Royal pair at Gravesend was of the most enthusiastic character. No such jubilee had ever before been known there.—A civic address was presented, after which the embarkation took place. Antwerp was reached Wednesday morning, and here the party was met by King Leopold and family. Together they proceeded to Brussels, where they arrived at night, and where a brilliant celebration awaited them. On Thursday the journey was resumed, the party passing through Aix-la-Chapelle, and resting for the night at Cologne. Accounts of concerts, balls and every species of merry-making at this place show the latest intelligence respecting the Royal newly-wedded.

NEW GAME.

Godley's Lady's Book has the last new "social game." Here it is: A small piece of stick is lighted at one end and the blaze is blown out, leaving the sparks. It is then passed from one of the company to the next on his right hand, and so on round the circle, each one saying, as he hands it to his neighbor, "Jack's alive." The player who holds the stick when the last spark dies out must consent to have a delicate mustache painted on his face, and the charred end of the stick, which is then re-lighted and the game goes on. Should the wearer of the mustache have Jack die a second time on his hands, an imperial whisker or exaggerated eyebrow may be added to his charms. While Jack is in a lively condition, with his sparks in fine, brilliant order, he is passed carefully from one player to another; but when he shows symptoms of dying it is amusing to see how rapidly he changes hands, for each player is bound to receive him as soon as his neighbor pronounces "Jack's alive." In case the mustache decorations are objected to, a forfeit may be paid instead by those who hold "Jack dead."

MUNICIPAL ELECTION.—An election will be held in this city, on Tuesday, the 24th day of March next, for members to serve in the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, and also for the following City Officers:

Mayor, Auditor, Engineer, Measure of Wood and Bark, two Collectors, Measures of Lumber, two Assessors, Superintendent of Police, Chief Engineer, Fire Department, Superintendent of Gas, Market Master, Attorney of Corporation, and Surveyor.

The election will be held at the following places, viz.:

First Ward.—At the First Ward Hotel, Second Ward.—At the Council Chamber, Third Ward.—At the Court House, Fourth Ward.—At the House northwest corner of Prince and Alfred streets.

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CANDIDATES.

NOMINATIONS.—A Convention of the American party and those who intend acting with them at the coming municipal election, was held at American Hall, on Tuesday night, the 19th inst., when the following named gentlemen were duly nominated:

FOR MAYOR.—W. D. Massey.
AUDITOR.—S. J. McCormick.
ATTORNEY.—Judge C. Neale.
SURVEYOR.—W. D. Stuart.
SUPERINTENDENT OF GAS.—Jacob Roxbury.
SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE.—Wm. Martin.
MEASURE OF WOOD AND BARK.—William C. Reynolds.

CLERK OF THE MARKET.—Thos. Whittington.
MEASURE OF LUMBER.—Wm. H. McKnight and John Greenwood.
COLLECTORS OF TAXES.—John A. Field, N. D., and Wesley Avery, S. D.
ASSESSORS.—Peter G. Henderson and William Davis.

GAUDEM.—George McCleish.
CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.—Wm. W. Rock. Feb 19—1E.

JAMES SANGSTER will be supported for the office of Sheriff for this County, at the coming election, by [Feb 5] MANY VOTERS.

TO THE VOTERS OF ALEXANDRIA CITY AND COUNTY.—I offer myself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff, at the ensuing May election, and most respectfully solicit your support. Feb 11—note H. L. MONROE.

REWARD MERIT.—Major GEORGE DICKER, (the present incumbent) Commissioner of the Revenue, is respectfully presented to the voters of Alexandria County, for reelection. The faithful and impartial manner in which he discharged his duty, will recommend him to the entire people. NO WOOLING. Jan 23—60w

TO THE VOTERS OF ALEXANDRIA COUNTY.—I offer myself as a candidate for the office of Commissioner of the Revenue, at the election in May next. [Jan 20—1E] P. C. CLAUGHTON.

HENRY L. SIMMONS will be supported as a candidate for Commissioner of the Revenue, by a Jan 22—1E NUMBER OF FRIENDS.

GEORGE W. BRENT will be supported at the approaching election as a competent person to fill the office of Attorney for the Corporation, by MANY INDEPENDENT VOTERS. Feb 19—1E

I hereby offer myself as an Independent candidate for the Clerkship of the Circuit Court, trusting, by attention and energy, should be elected, to faithfully perform the duties of the office. [Feb 9—1E] EDW. B. POWELL.

We are authorized to announce JOHN EVELL as a candidate for Superintendent of Gas. [Feb 19—1E] CITIZENS.

Capt. J. SEBASTIAN C. MOORE will be supported for the office of Superintendent of Police. Feb 24—1E MANY VOTERS.

Without the solicitation of many friends, I offer myself as a candidate for the office of Superintendent of Police. It is the pleasure of my friends to elect me, I will faithfully perform the duties of the office. Feb 19—1E NEWMAN CROSS.

We are authorized to announce ELIUB H. STANTON, as a candidate for Superintendent of Police, and to his honesty, capacity, and fidelity, as pastposts to success, we doubt not that Mr. Stanton will secure a majority of the votes of the citizens of Alexandria, to the office. Feb 17—1E MANY FRIENDS.

RICHARD W. ROBINSON will be supported at the next election, as an independent candidate, for the office of Superintendent of Police, by [Feb 23—1E] MANY VOTERS.

RICHARD SORRILL, at the suggestion of many friends, has consented to be a candidate for Superintendent of Police, at the ensuing election. Jan 27—1E

GEORGE R. BLACKLOCK will be supported for the office of Collector of the Southern District at the ensuing Spring election, by many friends, at the urgent solicitation of a number of whom he has consented that his name should be brought before the public. If elected, he pledges himself to discharge faithfully, and to the best of his ability, all the duties of the office. Feb 9—1E VOX POPULI.

At the request of many friends, I offer myself as a candidate for the office of City Surveyor, and solicit the votes of the citizens of Alexandria, irrespective of party. Feb 3—1E ROBERT SULLY.

JOSEPH BROTHERS will be supported at the coming election, for the office of City Surveyor, by [Jan 1—1E] MANY VOTERS.

At the solicitation of many friends, I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Measure of Wood and Bark. Feb 13—1E JAMES P. COLEMAN.

JOSEPH T. SHEPHERD, will be supported at the coming election, as a candidate for Assessor, by [Jan 29—1E] MANY FRIENDS.

A CARD.—At the solicitation of my friends, I announce that at the ensuing municipal election, I shall be a candidate for Chief Engineer of the Fire Department. From boyhood up I have never been found wanting when called upon to a Fireman's duty. The confidence in which I was born and reared knowingly call me to their support, promising that no effort on my part to discharge my duty will be spared. If I am a young man, I am an old Fireman. [Feb 17—60w] CHARLES D. RUDD.

FOR CHIEF ENGINEER.—The office of Chief Engineer of the Fire Department being one in our estimation, which should be filled by an experienced Fireman, we respectfully offer Mr. HIRSH WINTER, as our fully competent. Jan 20—1E MANY VOTERS.

Our esteemed fellow-citizen J. T. AUDLEY, is recommended for the office of Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, and will be supported at the coming election, by Jan 27—1E MANY VOTERS.

I have consented to continue in the field, as a candidate for Lumber Inspector, and trust it will be the pleasure of my fellow-citizens to give me their support. If elected, I promise with my experience and faithful discharge of said office correctly and faithfully. Feb 23—1E U. W. BARKER.

To be honest, as this world goes, is to be one man picked out of ten thousand. As honesty and integrity are virtues to be prized in the choice of public servants, I offer the name of WILLIAM CAMPBELL, one who has grown with our growth, and strengthened with our strength, as Inspector of Lumber, to succeed one who "was a man, take him for all in all, we never shall look on his like again." OLD CITIZEN. Feb 16—1E

I respectfully announce myself a candidate, for the office of Inspector of Lumber. Feb 8—1E J. T. HILL.

WM. R. CAMPBELL will be supported at the approaching election, for the office of Lumber Measure, by MANY VOTERS. Feb 17—1E

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